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# A TRUE COPPY OF A LETTER FROM OXFORD.

Sent from a private friend to a Merchant of good worth in the City of *London* and by him presented to the Honorable House of Commons, and Read there.

Setting forth the State of affaires at Oxford, and the present Condition of the Cavalliers.

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**M**Y worthy friend whom  
 my soui loves, in brief  
 our case is thus: All  
 our forces are out in  
 parties, some at *Banbury*, *Worcester*,  
*Wallingford*, *Redding*, and some  
 are now going againe against *Ay-  
 lisbury*, our Ordnance and Am-  
 muni-

munition are disperſt likewife, ſo  
that we have the leaſt part of our  
ſtrength here with us, and eaſie  
had it beeene the laſt week to have  
taken us, nor hard is it yet if well  
followed. The Parliament purſu-  
ing us ſo furiously this winter  
puts us to our wits end, and fills  
us all with great feare, inſomuch  
that our foot eſpecially are weary  
of their ſervices, ſome of them  
have mutined, and moſt of our  
Dragooneers are in miſerable  
caſe, wanting ſhoes, bootes and  
ſtockings, their horses are quite  
beaten out, and the Parliament  
approaching their quarters undoe-  
th them, they know not where  
to reſt, or how to ſecure them-  
ſelves. The King is now in great

ex-

exigences than ever, for he knows not how to raise any more money all our springs are exhausted, the Lords are consumed, their plate is melted and spent, and now grow they sad and look pitifully, besides the rising of the Countries doth much trouble and terrifie us, for if they proceed (as I believe you wish) roundly upon us, thus to prosecute us, wee shall bee all in a pin-fold, and you must necessarily have your will sodainly upon us, for our excursions being stopped, we must needs either bee taken or famish. Prince *Rupert* thinkes of *Northampton*, think you of it before him, *Salisbury* is generally in our presence, and wee have thoughts thither, and it would bee  
*well*

well in our way so meet sir *Ralph Hopton*. The King is in such exigency, that he is glad to sell the oxen and beasts which are taken, and with those monies hee maintaines his table: our Cavalliers say, if he yeeld they are all undone, so that there is no peace to bee expected with them, without pretermission of their wickednesse, which I hope you Round-heads will not permit, strike, I say strike, for now the iron is hot, you have a God and an opportunity that will not fail you, proceed and feare not, and if my words prove not truth discard me forever, shew it as you find cause, but conceale my name, and God grant you hearts to believe, and make sodaine use of it.

Oxford, Decemb. 15. 1643.

Yours in all service,

**A Postscript.**

Our Powder is spent, but we will  
make more, if you will let us, balllets  
we make daily, and wee purposē to cast  
Ordnance, if you doe not prevent us:  
Many Pentioners and other of his  
Maiesties Servants are castired for  
their non attendance, our Schollers are  
become Captaines, a good Scoutinger  
is worth a Kingdome, being the very  
key of the worke, and for want of it,  
many rare opportunities are lost. Dig-  
by and VVillmot are at Euston,  
and some are at VWoodstock. His  
Maiestie bath proclaimed free  
pardon to the Inhabitants of Bristol,  
so that they will lay down their Armes  
He bath made Proclamation also that

all his good Subiects if they know of  
any disigne of any of the Parliaments  
forces against any of his Maiesties,  
give speedy notice thereof to the cheife  
Officers of His Maiesties next  
Quarters.

**FINIS.**

